(c) and (d) As the satellite has been already destroyed in the low earth orbit of about 250 Kms, fragments/small pieces of the defunct satellite that would re-enter the atmosphere get burnt into pieces. Hence, there is no concern about the fall of the satellite. As per the reports, no loss or damage to any property is anticipated *per se*.

(e) As there was no threat to any of the Indian satellites in orbit and also there was no possibility of the pieces/fragments of the satellite falling over Indian region/earth, no special efforts were considered in this regard.

Achievements of space programme

2765. SHRIMATI JAYABACHCHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the country's space programme is concluding shortly;

(b) what have been the achievements of the programme in brief;

(c) whether any activities are proposed to be taken up shortly based on the experience of developed countries; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) India has achieved self reliance in the areas of (i) building state-of-the-art remote sensing and communication satellites and (ii) launch capability through Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) for launching of remote sensing satellites and Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV) for launching communication satellites. Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has used these space systems for developmental applications such as tele-education, telemedicine, Village Resource Centres, natural resources management, etc.

(c) ISRO has long term plans to develop Communication and Navigation Satellites; Remote Sensing Satellites; efficient space transportation system; space exploration; atmospheric sciences and inter-planetary missions. These plans are inline with the plans of developed countries.

(d) Does not arise.

Review of minimum wages

2766. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding National Sample Survey's situation report on farmer households;

(b) the average expenditure of farmer households per month;

(c) the wages of the agricultural labourers during 2007 and what was the same during 2001; and

(d) when was the last review of minimum wages carried out by various States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI G K. VASAN): (a) The National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) conducted the Situation Assessment Survey of Farmers as a